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Thursday, April 8, 2021.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Special Communication.

The following communication, together with returns of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:—

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

April 7, 2021.

To the Honorable House of Representatives:

I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the special election held in this Commonwealth on the thirtieth day of March 2021, for Representative in the General Court, Nineteenth Suffolk District, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution.

> Very truly yours, WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Member-elect to be Qualified.

The Speaker announced that he had appointed Representative Honan of Boston as a special committee of the House to witness the qualification as a member of the House of Representatives of Jeffrey Rosario Turco, member-elect from the Nineteenth Suffolk District, to be administered in the vicinity of the Grand Staircase of the State House at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

The Chair (Mr. Donato of Medford) then announced that said special committee of the House had completed the assignment, and that Representative Turco had, on Returns of votes for Representative in the 19th Suffolk District.

Representativeelect Jeffrey Rosario Turco, qualification.

Id.

Pledge of allegiance.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021, taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House.

Appointments of the Speaker.

The Speaker announced that he had made the following appointments:

That Representatives Giannino of Revere, Chan of Quincy and Madaro of Boston had been appointed as his designees (under Section 70 of Chapter 3 of the General Laws) to the permanent commission on the Future of Metropolitan Beaches;

That Representatives Hogan of Stow, Kerans of Danvers and Dr. Alan Woolf of Boston Children's Hospital had been appointed as his designees (under Section 98 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) to the interagency task force established to review and investigate water and ground contamination of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances across the Commonwealth;

That Representative Elugardo of Boston had been appointed as chair (under Section 110 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in Correctional Facilities of the Commonwealth;

That Representative Vargas of Haverhill had been appointed as chair (under Section 111 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Parole Process;

That Representative Nguyen of Andover had been appointed as chair (under Section 112 of Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2020) to the special legislative commission on Structural Racism in the Massachusetts Probation Service; and

That Representative Ehrlich had been appointed as his designee (under Section 168D of Chapter 6 of the General Laws, inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2020) to the task force on Sexual Misconduct Surveys.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Roy of Franklin) congratulating Joshua Thomas Auler on receiving the Eagle Award of the Boy Scouts of America; and

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Santiago of Boston) commending the Puerto Rican Veteran's Monument Square Association, Inc. for their recognition of April 13, 2021 as the 65th Infantry Regiment "The Borinqueneers" Day;

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications.

Communications

From the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board (see Section 207 of Chapter 46 of the Acts of 2015) submitting the sixth and additional final report relative to its revenue, operating budget, capital plan and progress toward meeting performance metrics and targets;

Metropolitan beaches.

Water and ground contamination.

Correctional facilities, racism.

Parole process, racism.

Probation service, racism.

Sexual misconduct surveys.

Joshua Auler.

Borinqueneers Day.

MBTA, — performance and targets.

From the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (see Section 79(h) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the calendar year 2020;

From the Office of the Norfolk County District Attorney (see Section 32(e) of Chapter 12 of the General Laws) submitting a statistical report on juvenile justice and drug diversion activities in Norfolk County for the calendar year 2020;

From the Department of Mental Health (see Section 9 of Chapter 321 of the Acts of 2008) submitting the annual report for the fiscal year 2020 of the Children's Behavioral Health Knowledge Center;

From the Insurance Fraud Bureau (see Section 1(k) of Chapter 338 of the Acts of 1990, as most recently amended by Section 5 of Chapter 279 of the Acts of 2002) submitting a semi-annual report relative to referrals involving automobile insurance fraud, workers' fraud and other insurance fraud [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on Financial Service and Labor and Workforce Development];

From the Office of Community Corrections of the Trial Court (see Section 5 of Chapter 211F of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2020 annual report of the Massachusetts Probation Service, Office of Community Corrections, including a statistical report on the utilization of community corrections centers;

From the Massachusetts Development Finance Agency (MassDevelopment) (see Section 45C of Chapter 75 of the General Laws) submitting the third annual report of the Innovation Voucher Program Fund;

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Fiscal Year 2021 Report on Standard Budgets of Assistance for Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on House Ways and Means and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Photo Requirements Exemptions [copies of said report were forwarded to the committee on House Ways and Means and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

From the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Section 2 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws) submitting a report entitled: Transitional Aid to Families with Dependent Children - Eligible Noncitizen Status Clients [copies of said report were forwarded to the committees on House Ways and Means and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, as required by said law];

From the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development (see Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a report regarding the Lost Wages Assistance Program;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Developmental Services Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Mental Health Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan; Rehabilitation commission.

Norfolk, juvenile justice.

Children's health center.

Automobile insurance fraud.

Community corrections centers.

Innovation Voucher Program Fund.

Transitional assistance, dependent children.

EBT photo requirements exemptions.

Transitional aid,— noncitizens.

Lost Wages Assistance Program.

Individual and Family Support Plan.

Id.

Id.

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Department of Public Health Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual and Family Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 16F of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting the MassHealth Fiscal Year 2021 Chapter 171 Report and Annual Individual Family and Support Plan;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 15 of Chapter 118I of the General Laws) submitting the fiscal year 2020 annual report of the Health Information Technology Council Report;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Section 217(c) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) submitting the annual report of the Massachusetts Autism Commission for 2020;

From the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (see Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a report from the Department of Public Health on the status of the Long Term Facility Report; and

From the Executive Office of the Trail Court (see Section 2 of Chapter 257 of the Acts of 2020) submitting the monthly report the number of actions for summary process entered and filed with each court having jurisdiction over an action for summary process for the month of January, 2021;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports.

Annual reports

Of the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (under Section 35 of Chapter 123 of the General Laws) submitting the calendar year 2020 annual report of facilities other than the Massachusetts Correctional Institution at Bridgewater being used for treatment of certain males and the number of persons so committed to such facilities in the previous year;

Of the Office of the Inspector General (see Section 86 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a report entitled: MassHealth and Health Safety Net: 2020 Annual Report;

Of the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism (under Section 13T of Chapter 23A of the General Laws) submitting the annual report on state expenditures to promote tourism for the calendar year 2020;

Of the Department of Public Utilities (under Section 2 of Chapter 25 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report for the department's activities for calendar year 2020; and

Of the Multi-Agency Illegal Tobacco Task Force (established under Section 40(d) of Chapter 64C of the General Laws) submitting an annual report relative to the coordination of efforts to combat contraband tobacco distribution, including efforts

Treatment facilities report.

MassHealth, Health Safety Net.

State tourism expenditures.

Department of Public Utilities.

Contraband tobacco distribution.

information technology.

Health

Autism Commission.

Long Term Facility Report.

Trial Court, jurisdiction.

Id.

Id.

Id.

Id.

to foster compliance with the law and conduct targeted investigations and enforcement actions against violence; and

Biennial reports

Of the Personal Care Attendant Quality Home Care Workforce Council (under Section 75(a) of Chapter 118E of the General Laws) submitting a performance review for the calendar years 2019 and 2020; and

Of the Department of Revenue submitting (under Chapter 207 of the Acts of 2018) its annual review of tax expenditures; and

Quarterly reports

Of the Sheriff's Department of Plymouth County (under Section 84 of Chapter 69 of the Acts of 2018) submitting the aggregate data on the population of the Plymouth County Correctional Facility for the fourth quarter of calendar year 2020; and

Of the Office of the State Auditor (under Section 17 of Chapter 11 of the General Laws) submitting its second quarter fiscal year report of the Bureau of Special Investigations from October 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and

Reports

Of the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (under Section 39 of Chapter 7C of the General Laws) submitting a listing of the Commonwealth's real property holdings and leased property for calendar year 2020;

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 6 of Chapter 232 of the Acts of 2010) relative to the divestment from Iran restricted securities;

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 4 of Chapter 151 of the Acts of 2007) relative to divestment from Sudan restricted securities;

Of the Pension Reserves Investment Management Board (under Section 23 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws) relative to divestment from companies that derive certain revenues from the sale of tobacco products;

Of the Massachusetts District Attorneys Association (under item 0340-2100 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting its data from the District Attorneys relative to their criminal prosecutions and workloads for calendar year 2020;

Of the Department of Unemployment Assistance (under Section 14F of Chapter 151A of the General Laws) submitting the January 2021 Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Report;

Of the Massachusetts Housing and Shelter Alliance (see item 7004-0104 of Section 2 of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 2020) submitting a progress report entitled: Permanent Supportive Housing – A Solution-Driven Model, January 2021 Home and Healthy for Good;

Of the Northwestern District Attorney's Office (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Of the Hampden County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Of the District Attorney of Norfolk County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Of the District Attorney of the Cape and Islands District (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Of the District Attorney of Essex County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Personal Care Attendant Home Care Council.

Tax expenditures.

Plymouth County Correctional Facility.

Bureau of Special Investigations.

Real and leased property.

Iran, divestment.

Sudan, divestment.

Tobacco products, divestment.

Criminal prosecutions and workloads.

Unemployment Trust Fund.

Permanent Supportive Housing, progress.

Northwestern, wiretaps.

Hampden County, wiretaps.

Norfolk, wiretaps.

Cape and Islands, wiretaps.

Essex, wiretaps. Of the District Attorney of Worcester County (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Of the Middlesex District Attorney (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020; and

Of the Bristol County District Attorney's Office (under Section 99 of Chapter 272 of the General Laws) submitting a report relative to wiretaps for calendar year 2020;

Severally were placed on file.

Reports of a Committee.

By Mr. Honan of Boston, for the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling, that the following bills be scheduled for consideration by the House:

The Senate Bill validating the results of the annual town meeting and the annual town election held in the town of Hubbardston (printed in Senate, No. 24); and

The House Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Peter J. Fallon, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (House, No. 97);

Under suspension of Rule 7A, in each instance, on motion of Mr. McGonagle of Everett, the bills severally were read a second time forthwith; and they were ordered to a third reading.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,----

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

Middlesex, wiretaps.

Bristol, wiretaps.

Hubbardston, elections. Peter Fallon, sick leave.

Next sitting.